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R 151020 Z MAY 73

FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1697

AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMCONSUL BIEN HOA

AMCONSUL CAN THO

CINCPAC

AMCONSUL DANANG

AMCONSUL NHA TRANG

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AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

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E. O. 11652 N/ A

TAGS: PINT VS

SUBJECT: SENATE ELECTION LAW

REF: SAIGON 8404

1. LOWER HOUSE CHAIRMAN NGUYEN BA CAN TOLD EMBOFF ON MAY 15 THAT PRESIDENT THIEU HAS SEVEN DAYS, NOT FIFTEEN TO PROMULGATE THE SENATE ELECTION LAW OR TO RETURN IT TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WITH RECOMMENDED CHANGES. HE CITED ARTICLE 44(3) OF THE CONSTITUTION WHICH ALLOWS SEVEN DAYS IF THE ASSEMBLY CONSIDERS THE MATTER URGENT. HE SAID THE BILL WAS TRANSMITTED TO THIEU ON MAY 14.

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2. CAN STATED THAT THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO PRO-ADMINISTRATION BLOCS, "CERTAIN" PRO-ADMINISTRATION SENATORS AND HE HAD RECOMMENDED TO THIEU THAT HE RESTORE THE SECTION OF THE BILL REQUIRING LISTS OF FIFTEEN CANDIDATES EACH, BUT THAT HE ACCEPT THE SENATE AMENDMENT ALLOWING CANDIDATES TO RUN WITHOUT PARTY SPONSORSHIP. CAN SAID THE LATTER RECOMMENDATION WAS OFFERED IN AN ATTEMPT TO ACHIEVE RECONCILIATION AMONG THE NON-COMMUNIST AND TO AVOID THE PROSPECT OF A ONE-PARTY ELECTION.

3. THIS ADVISE WAS UNSOLICITED, BUT CAN SEEMED CONFIDENT THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD ACCEPT IT. THE ASSEMBLY HAS NOT HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO OFFER SUCH ADVICE PREVIOUSLY DURING THE CURRENT SESSION OR IN 1972, BUT IN 1971 IT WAS COMMON, ACCORDING TO CAN. HE SAID THIEU ALWAYS ACCEPTED THEIR RECOMMENDATION AT THAT TIME.  
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